

LDMS TROJAN TIMES

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New Family Members

We are happy to welcome new members to the LDMS Faculty.

- Ms. Sarah Feyen- math
- Mr. Spencer Golladay- English
- Ms. Yolanda Sowers- Teacher's Assistant
- Ms. Anna Swenty-Science

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES

Lexington City Schools is pleased to offer shuttle bus service to and from each of our schools, both in the morning and afternoon. The schedule for the shuttle bus is below:

Morning Schedule:

7:40 a.m. – Bus Leaves LDMS to transport elementary school students to WES

7:55 a.m. – Bus Leaves WES to transport middle school students to LDMS

Afternoon Schedule:

2:55 p.m. – Bus Leaves WES to transport elementary school students to LDMS

3:10 p.m. – Bus Leaves LDMS to transport middle school students to WES

*In order to be most efficient, the bus will adhere to the schedule outlined above.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Summer is drawing to a close and I am excited to begin a new school year. I am honored to serve as principal of LDMS and I am looking forward to continuing getting to know you and your children. I believe education is first and foremost about taking care of people and helping them reach their dreams. Consequently, I encourage you to let me know if there is anything I can do to help you and your child have a great school year. I can't wait for August 12th!

Sincerely,

Abbott W. Keesee, Ph.D.

LDMS SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

School Parking / Student Safety

Please keep in mind our parking is very limited and be respectful of the residents in the area by not parking in front of driveways. We encourage all parents to use our school driveway when dropping off or picking up your student. This will help us keep our students as safe as possible.

School Hours

Our official school hours for the 2019-2020 school year are 8:15 – 3:00. We will open our school doors each morning at 7:50. Due to various obligations of our staff members (meetings, extra-curricular events, etc.) please pick your student up by 3:00 each afternoon. The LDMS office hours are 8:00 to 4:00.

Newsletter/Interim Reports Electronically

In the papers your child will receive at the start the year (all forms on colored paper must be returned), you will find two forms asking about your preference of communication. Beginning in September, you will have the option to receive this newsletter via email. Be sure to complete those forms, and return them to school as soon as possible.

Parent Portal

Each parent/guardian will have access to your child's grades online through Parent Portal. If you are a new student to Lexington or if you need support logging in, contact our school secretary, Ms. Carol Koch at ckoch@lexedu.org to get access. We will not send home paper copies of interim reports (mid-quarter) to parents that use parent portal. We will continue to mail paper copies to parents without internet access.

Sports Physicals

Any student who wishes to play a sport at LDMS, must have a VHSL physical form completed by their doctor. VHSL physical forms are available on our website or in our main office. Please contact us if you have questions.



Contact Us

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, August 9th -6th Grade Orientation 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
-7th and 8th Grade Meet the Teacher 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Monday, August 12th -First Day of School
Friday, August 23rd -Dance (sponsored by cheerleading) 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 29th -Back to School Night 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 2nd -No School (Labor Day)

PTA NEWS

The LDMS PTA is looking forward to a fantastic year! We are planning the ever popular Family Fun Night in February, the Career Fair in October, the RARA Food Drive in November, Teacher Appreciation Week in May as well as special events for our students throughout the year!

Please consider joining the PTA, we will have membership envelopes and volunteer sign-ups at our table at orientation and locker assignment day as well as Back to School Night. Stop by the table and say hello, we are looking forward to seeing our LDMS Community and welcoming our new students!

Ann Courtney, President (ann@courtneycollinsstudio.com); Lynne Kirkpatrick, Vice President (lkdahl3@gmail.com); Larisa Stephens, Secretary (boogieckns@aol.com); Heike Myers, Treasurer (heikeundscott@yahoo.com)

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